

SEP 20 2004

PATENT
Docket No. 57160US002IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Darren T. CASTRO et al.) Group Art Unit: 1775
Serial No.: 10/034,642)
Confirmation No.: 9543) Examiner: Gwendolyn Blackwell
Filed: 28 December 2001) Rudasill
For: POLYCRYSTALLINE TRANSLUCENT ALUMINA-BASED CERAMIC MATERIAL,
USES, AND METHODS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop AF
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed 19 May 2004, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from 19 August 2004 to 19 September 2004. Because 19 September 2004 falls on a Sunday, the request is effective for a carryover to 20 September 2004, the next business day.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-4895 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile in accordance with 37 CFR §1.6(d) to the Patent and Trademark Office, addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop AF, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 20th day of September, 2004, at 5:06 p.m. (Central Time).

Signature: 
Name: Rachel Gagliardi-Grabau

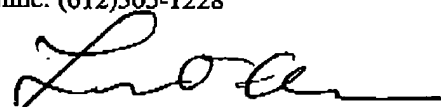
Date

September 20, 2004

Respectfully submitted for

Darren T. CASTRO et al.

By
Mueting, Raasch & Gebhardt, P.A.
P.O. Box 581415
Minneapolis, MN 55458-1415
Phone: (612)305-1220
Facsimile: (612)305-1228

By: 
Loren D. Albin
Reg. No. 37,763
Direct Dial (612)305-1225